

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3

Members: Mr. Milton Farley, District No. 1
Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2
Mr. Charles E. Davis, District No. 4
Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, District No. 5
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Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., District No. 8
Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

The COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on Monday, May 14, 2001, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, S. C., at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3, Chairman; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Councilmember District No. 2; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Councilmember District No. 4; Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Councilmember District No. 5; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Councilmember District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Councilmember District No. 7; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Councilmember District No. 8; Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr. Supervisor ex officio; and Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney. Mr. Milton Farley, Councilmember District No. 1, was excused from this Committee meeting.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting of Berkeley County Council at the entrance to the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Councilmembers and the News media.

Councilmember Crosby called the Committee to order; and stated first on the agenda was Frank Carson, PE, County Engineer and Public Works Director: Re: 1) Bids and Recommendations: Durham Creek Boat Landing.

Mr. Carson stated on May 10 they received a total of four Bids for improvements to Durham Creek Boat Landing. Included in the Bids was a base bid for a courtesy dock and replacement of one of the ramps that's actually a two-lane ramp. They also took alternate bids to replace the other ramp, install two ground out docks, and construct a fishing pier. He stated they recommend award based on the low bid of Cape Romain Contractors in the amount of \$109,413.

Mr. Carson stated that in reference to the article in the paper, he hastened to provide that information immediately after the opening and passed along erroneous information. This project has lasted for a couple of years because of permitting and design issues. So, they had the money

budgeted in two line items; one under Capital projects and the other under Special Contracts in Roads and Bridges.

Supervisor Rozier stated this is a dangerous area at Durham Creek. Half of their rescue calls go to that area. A young man recently drowned and this would do a lot to improve the safety at Durham Creek.

Councilmember Davis moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Spooner; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Next on the agenda was Ms. Annette Harmon, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, Solid Waste, Recycling and Disposal Fee Administrator, Re: 1) Berkeley County Franchise Agreement; and 2) Novation Agreement – Sangaree.

Ms. Harmon stated they had been asked by the contractor for the upcoming Berkeley County Franchise Agreement to add some billing items into the contract. One of those billing items is for the contractor to be able to charge a 1½ percent-unpaid balance for all accounts that are 30 days in arrears. The Contractor would also like to charge a redelivery fee of \$40 to any customer whose bill is in arrears for more than 45 days, where they go out and pick up the roll cart and return it to storage. To reinstate the service they have to redeliver the roll cart to the customer. She stated they had asked for these items to put in the contract. Prior to this they had never had these items in the contract; this is something new that had been requested.

Councilmember Spooner stated she didn't have a problem with the 1½ percent but she thinks the \$40 is a little steep. Councilmember Davis stated he has a problem with all of it if it was not in the original contract. Councilmember Spooner asked were they are asking to amend the Bid? Ms. Harmon stated they would like to add this to the contract; they are asking for the monthly service amount in the Bid. They had never gotten into the actual billing of late fees and such in the actual bid process. Councilmember Spooner asked had they been collecting these fees without the contract? Ms. Harmon stated she thinks they had been charging a 1½ percent late fee in the past with the previous contracts. They didn't have a problem with late fees as long as they are reasonable; as far as the redelivery fee, this is something new. There is an issue that came up with the roll carts and they have requested this fee. Councilmember Vaughn stated he agrees with Councilmember Spooner, he didn't mind the 1½ percent, that's normal but \$40 to drop a trash can and pick it up is a little steep. Councilmember Spooner stated, maybe \$20 to \$25.

Chairman Crosby stated that when they came up with a new arrangement for the roll carts and one delivery pick up per week he thought all of this was included. He asked had they ever seen them pick up the carts? Ms. Harmon stated it's automated. Chairman Crosby stated it's a wonder that they last a week. He is worried that they may damage the carts and would want the people to pay for them. Ms. Harmon stated the redelivery fee is only on the nonpayment whenever they have to pull something. It's not for replacing a damaged cart.

Chairman Crosby stated he is going to hold this item and allow Ms. Harmon to renegotiate and bring that information to the Committee.

Ms. Harmon stated the Novation Agreement is an Assumption Agreement for the Sangaree Franchise Area. This is an Assumption Agreement for the company that had assumed the contract from Palmetto Disposal. This agreement would be between Palmetto Disposal and Berkeley County, that they would abide by the specifications of the current contract and that they would cover the necessary insurance and the Performance Bonds throughout the duration, which ends on June 30.

Councilmember Davis moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Spooner; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Next was Ms. Denise Mitchum, CPPB, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, Director of Purchasing, Re: 1) Truck Mounted Jet Rodder; and 2) Bids and Recommendations – Agricultural lease.

Ms. Mitchum stated on April 3, they received two Bids for Truck Mounted Jet Rodder. The apparent low bidder was Rodders & Jets Supply Company in the amount of \$68,875.00 for a Truck Mounted Jet Rodder and a Ford F-550 truck to carry it. She stated the equipment would be used by their Lines Maintenance Department and their Pump/Plant Maintenance crews to clean out sewer and pipe line blockages, maintain a regular preventive maintenance schedule, and to make sure that the operators are safe while doing these procedures. This item is in their budget for this year; therefore, she recommends acceptance of the Bid submitted by Rodders & Jets Supply Company.

Councilmember Spooner moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Davis; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Ms. Mitchum stated they received one Bid on April 18 for 96 acres of agricultural land at the landfill. The land is to be used for planting, growing, and harvesting crops only. Also, the lessee shall maintain the property during his tenancy in good condition as from the beginning to avoid any damage to the property as a result of his farming the land. She stated he bid \$1.00 each for the four lots and they are recommending acceptance of this Bid submitted by Louis Winningham.

Councilmember Davis moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Spooner.

Supervisor Rozier asked were they going to get \$4.00 per year to farm this land? Ms. Mitchum stated this land is not being used and they are leasing it to Mr. Winningham to farm. However, Mr. Winningham has to take care of the land as well as harvest the crops. There are four lots and if he doesn't plant the land they would have to maintain the property at a cost to the landfill. Councilmember Vaughn asked what would they have to do maintain it? Ms. Mitchum stated they would have to cut the grass and take care of the 96 acres. This would be at no cost to them; Mr. Winningham would get the harvest and they would get the benefit of not having to

take care of the 96 acres themselves. Chairman Crosby asked what would happen to the property if they don't lease it? Ms. Mitchum stated it's not usable for any other purpose. Supervisor Rozier asked did they request proposals? Ms. Mitchum stated they requested Bids and this is the only one they received; it was advertised for almost 30 days. She stated it cost a lot more than \$4.00 to advertise.

Mr. Hehn stated they had previously done this with other fields and this is to keep trees from growing and to maintain the natural wetlands. Chairman Crosby asked how long is the lease? Ms. Mitchum stated the lease would expire December 31; it's for a year at a time.

Chairman Crosby stated that it's good as long as the lease says it is for year-to-year. Ms. Mitchum stated this was bid in April and it would be up for bid again on December 31. Councilmember Vaughn asked what happens if he decides he didn't want to farm the land? Ms. Mitchum stated part of the contract is that he is required to farm the property and to keep it up. He is not to do anything to destroy it or take away from the Eagles' nest or any type of the wetlands.

Upon call for the vote, the motion passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Councilmember Spooner moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Mims and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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AGENDA

- A. Frank Carson, PE, County Engineer and Public Works Director: Re:
 - 1. Bids and Recommendations: Durham Creek Boat Landing.

- B. Ms. Annette Harmon, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, Solid Waste, Recycling and Disposal Fee Administrator, Re:
 - 1. Berkeley County Franchise Agreement.
 - 2. Novation Agreement – Sangaree.

- C. Ms. Denise Mitchum, CPPB, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, Director of Purchasing, Re:
 - 1. Truck Mounted Jet Rodder.
 - 2. Bids and Recommendations: Agricultural lease.

May 9, 2001
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk of County Council